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In re Application of FILIPPI et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3744

For: HIGH PRESSURE PSEUDO-ISOTHERMAL CHEMICAL REACTOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response is in reply to a restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 17, 2009, in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a response due on or before April 17, 2009. This response is timely filed.

REMARKS

The above-identified Office Action is a restriction requirement that asserts that the application contains two (2) patentably distinct groups of claims and requires election of one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to a isothermal chemical reaction; and

Group II: Claims 6-10, drawn to a heat exchanger.

Applicants hereby elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to an isothermal chemical reactor for further prosecution.

This requirement is traversed because claims 1-5 refer to a chemical reactor, not a chemical reaction as listed in the Office Action. Furthermore, claim 1 relates to a chemical reactor comprising a plurality of the heat exchangers which are claimed in claim 6, and tracks the wording of claim 6 exactly. Thus, if claim 6 is allowable, then claim 1 is automatically allowable. Therefore, Group I and Group II are believed to relate to the same classification of inventions, and are not believed patentably distinct. Thus, it is believed that there is no